

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
THE GEORGIA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD
RULE 121-2-.08, *STATEWIDE UTILITY MANAGER CERTIFICATE*
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to the Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board Rules, Rule 121-2-.08, "Statewide Utility Manager Certificate," (herein after "proposed rule amendment"). The Board voted to post this notice of adoption at a meeting on December 15th, 2010. The proposed rule amendment requires applicants to take 12 hours of competent person and excavation training.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. May 24th, 2011 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on May 17, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to Randall D. Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Telephone (478) 207-2440 or fax (866) 888-9718.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at a meeting scheduled to begin at 9:10 a.m. on May 24th, 2011 at the Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing

Board has the authority to adopt a proposed rule amendment to Rule 121-2-.08 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-14-5, 43-14-6, and 43-14-8.3.

At its meeting on December 15th, 2010 the Georgia State Construction Industry Licensing Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-14-5, 43-14-6, and 43-14-8.3.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it was legal and feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-14-5, 43-14-6, and 43-14-8.3. The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of utility contracting.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 10th day of March, 2011.

Randall D. Vaughn
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: March 10, 2011

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
TO THE RULES OF THE GEORGIA STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
LICENSING BOARD**

RULE 121-2-.08, “STATEWIDE UTILITY MANAGER CERTIFICATE.”

PURPOSE: The purpose of this amendment is to change the requirements for obtaining a Utility Managers license.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of this proposed amendment is the requirement for 12 hours of safety training.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
LICENSING BOARD**

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

121-2-.08 Statewide Utility Manager Certificate. Amended.

- (1) Applicants for statewide utility manager certificate must:
 - (a) submit a completed application;
 - (b) meet the prerequisite experience requirement, as defined in this Rule;
 - (c) pay the required fees;
 - (d) and obtain a score of seventy (70) on the utility manager examination.
- (2) Applicants for utility manager certificate must have a minimum of 2 years of experience as a licensed utility foreman in the State of Georgia or equivalent experience from another state as a manager or foreman in the field for the construction, erection, alteration, or repair of utility systems at least five feet underground, including but not limited to ~~7~~ 12 hours of actual instruction from an board approved ~~acceptable~~ safety training course.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-14-5, 43-14-6, and 43-14-8.3.